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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIES	Aug. 1952	Aug. 1951	July 1952
Net Receipts Production Net Tons.....	2,653	3,514	2,494
Bronze and Coal Prod. Net Tons.....	14,320	47,184	25,850
Construction Contracts (\$1,000).....	1,418,725	1,202,841	1,511,285
Copper Production Net Tons.....	95,166	79,613	96,046
Crude Oil Production Net Tons.....	120,941	124,184	115,159
Newsprint Production Net Tons.....	58,127	58,187	57,731
Newsprint Shipments Net Tons.....	587,583	580,584	578,183
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	84,900	69,603	83,100
Steel Lath Production Net Tons.....	8,499	8,739	8,627
Steel Production Net Tons.....	18,187	34,025	26,930
Zinc Shipments Net Tons.....	18,433	74,191	43,353
July 1952	July 1951	June 1952	

Industrial Production (F.R.B.) 1935-39=100

Mfg. Employment (8151)..... 1947-49=100

Mfg. Payrolls (8151)..... 1947-49=100

Cement Production (Barrels)..... 21,140

Crude Oil Production (Barrels)..... 26,254

Cigarette Production (units)..... 32,701

Coke Production Net Tons..... 6,630

Cotton Consumption (bales)..... 692,594

Electric Power Production (Mwhr)..... 1,710,000

Lead Production (Tonnes)..... 51,334

Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U.S. 211,894

Flg. Iron Production Net Tons..... 1,003

Flour Consumption (Tons)..... 91,144

Tires - Production (units)..... 1,197

Tires - Shipments (units)..... 7,148

June
1952

June
1951

May
1952

Gasoline Production (barrels)..... 98,140

Petroleum Production (barrels)..... 185,917

Petroleum Consumption (barrels)..... 204,762

Butt Consumption (pounds)..... 35,400

FINANCIALS

Aug.
1952

Aug.
1951

July
1952

Bank Debts, Total U.S. (\$1)..... 110,578

Bank Debts, N.Y. C. (\$1)..... 41,160

Bank Debts, Outside N.Y.C. (\$1)..... 61,412

Bank Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (\$1)..... 58,521

Bank Sales N.Y. Corp. Bldg. (\$1)..... 1,820

Bank Sales Municipal (\$1)..... 200,855

Fire Losses (\$1)..... 56,462

Life Insurance Sales (\$1)..... 2,319

Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..... 26,903

Stock Sales N.Y. Corp. Bldg. (\$1)..... 62,200

July
1952

July
1951

June
1952

Merchandise Exports U.S. (\$1)..... 1,019,900

Merchandise Imports U.S. (\$1)..... 836,000

Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1)..... 760,700

Key Earnings-Net Inc. after charges (\$1)..... 36,000

Sales - Retail (\$1)..... 13,420

Sales - Manufacturing (\$1)..... 11,141

Sales - Wholesale (\$1)..... 7,980

Sales - Manual (\$1)..... 19,979

Inventories - Retail (\$1)..... 16,671

Inventories - Wholesale (\$1)..... 9,206

Inventories - Manufacturing (\$1)..... 40,047

1st quarter. (\$1,000,000 omitted)

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—August 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	Aug. 1952	Aug. 1951	% Change	July 1952
Boston.....	2,116,663	2,164,410	+ 4.4	2,375,017
Philadelphia.....	4,247,000	4,597,000	- 7.6	4,707,000
Pittsburgh.....	4,11,990	4,45,167	- 3.8	4,65,372
St. Louis.....	1,00,700	1,17,722	- 13.7	1,24,118
Cleveland.....	1,05,954	1,75,386	- 7.5	1,829,566
Baltimore.....	1,08,152	1,152,089	- 6.0	1,235,330
Richmond.....	662,194	667,465	- 0.8	690,077
Atlanta.....	1,00,700	1,17,722	- 13.7	1,24,118
New Orleans.....	595,144	590,769	+ 0.7	649,280
Memphis.....	364,187	381,287	- 5.0	409,591
Chicago.....	3,294,788	3,005,297	+ 6.4	3,724,602
Baltimore.....	2,116,663	2,164,410	- 3.0	2,24,118
St. Louis.....	1,00,700	1,17,722	- 13.7	1,24,118
Louisville.....	594,747	621,333	- 4.6	649,435
Minneapolis.....	1,318,041	1,340,460	- 1.7	1,329,586
Kansas City.....	1,426,461	1,496,329	- 4.9	1,612,627
Omaha.....	1,00,700	1,17,722	- 13.7	1,24,118
Denver.....	555,455	564,624	- 1.6	582,919
Dallas.....	1,339,784	1,320,116	+ 1.5	1,431,992
Houston.....	1,237,432	1,201,221	+ 3.0	1,249,093
San Francisco.....	2,005,391	2,208,655	- 8.7	2,188,519
Portland, Ore.....	555,204	667,919	+ 5.3	686,550
Seattle.....	595,204	699,259	+ 1.0	718,014
Total 24 Cities.....	31,879,135	33,543,062	- 5.0	34,611,536
New York.....	32,912,892	32,218,863	+ 0.9	41,508,924
Total 25 Cities.....	64,812,032	66,761,925	+ 2.9	76,120,460

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—8 Months 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	8 Months 1952	8 Months 1951	% Change	8 Months 1950
Boston.....	18,996,554	18,996,554	+ 1.1	16,090,279
Philadelphia.....	36,989,058	37,186,000	- 0.6	33,020,000
Pittsburgh.....	12,600,558	12,600,558	+ 2.8	11,995,000
Cleveland.....	12,143,338	12,143,338	+ 0.0	10,799,887
Baltimore.....	14,312,940	14,312,824	- 0.1	11,109,198
Chicago.....	7,352,429	7,416,477	- 0.9	6,311,514
Denver.....	9,298,344	9,086,773	+ 2.3	7,842,190
Atlanta.....	10,549,900	9,900,183	+ 6.9	8,229,900
New Orleans.....	5,152,999	4,799,470	+ 7.4	4,332,408
Memphis.....	3,511,328	3,481,420	+ 0.9	3,103,703
Chicago.....	29,253,742	29,994,748	- 2.5	26,009,056
Dayton.....	11,700,000	11,700,000	+ 0.0	11,700,000
St. Louis.....	10,287,239	10,296,175	- 4.7	9,534,402
Louisville.....	5,069,511	4,941,015	+ 2.6	4,404,802
Minneapolis.....	10,170,248	10,238,121	- 0.7	8,692,456
Kansas City.....	12,113,546	11,892,377	+ 1.9	10,671,577
Des Moines.....	4,145,045	4,145,045	+ 0.0	3,958,114
Denver.....	4,580,959	4,519,905	+ 1.5	3,511,969
Dallas.....	11,405,686	10,655,509	+ 7.0	9,173,555
Houston.....	10,137,399	9,004,596	+ 11.8	7,499,078
San Francisco.....	17,492,703	18,015,909	- 2.9	13,912,637
Portland, Ore.....	5,000,000	5,000,000	+ 4.1	3,140,653
Seattle.....	5,241,692	5,421,539	+ 2.2	4,280,728
Total 24 Cities.....	272,392,980	269,920,783	+ 0.9	230,101,254
New York.....	305,141,412	286,989,320	+ 6.4	326,974,845
Total 25 Cities.....	577,537,392	566,619,303	+ 3.8	487,076,099

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Millions of Dollars)

	Daily Average Bank Clearings					Total 24 Cities Excluding N.Y. C.			
	1952	1951	1950	1949		1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	75,540	77,200	59,264	58,714	2,905,6	2,970,5	2,332,6	16,386	17,297
February.....	66,971	61,065	52,576	50,735	2,727,6	2,194,4	2,288,0	32,287	30,126
March.....	71,416	75,725	61,508	60,792	2,823,7	2,841,7	2,352,2	2,251,7	24,425
April.....	74,160	69,468	55,283	54,166	2,852,3	2,870,4	2,420,2	2,248,6	23,947
May.....	70,656	65,911	61,172	55,549	2,854,6	2,854,6	2,456,6	2,477	24,882
June.....	71,315	64,994	58,520	51,643	2,685,9	2,655,9	2,258,4	31,447	23,711
July.....	76,120	66,505	54,003	54,003	2,660,2	2,677,7	2,247,0	2,247,0	24,882
August.....	64,912	66,769	69,600	55,056	2,492,8	2,472,7	2,047,8	2,047,8	24,620
September.....	64,192	66,411	56,195	56,195	2,492,8	2,477,7	2,047,8	2,047,8	24,620
October.....	71,108	66,249	55,544	55,544	2,489,2	2,489,2	2,042,2	2,042,2	24,727
November.....	64,106	66,278	55,511	55,511	2,004,7	2,078,8	2,444,4	2,444,4	27,468
December.....	75,258	71,821	61,725	53,050	2,350,3	2,382,7	2,450,2	2,450,2	26,003
Total.....	840,518	761,985	678,632	678,632	2,785.7	2,524.2	2,235.4	408,743	362,676
									319,990

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1949 to Date

Current Liabilities (\$1,000 Omitted)

	1952	1951	1950	1949		1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	671	775	864	560	\$26,208	\$26,485	\$26,486	\$26,300	\$21,912
February.....	619	599	811	685	19,474	16,156	27,562	19,624	16,652
March.....	715	712	844	847	17,652	22,700	31,488	20,281	22,585
April.....	700	696	806	749	17,530	17,064	21,250	31,910	17,652
May.....	638	755	874	775	21,193	23,501	22,672	24,583	21,209
June.....	671	699	725	628	21,222	22,773	18,072	28,161	21,537
July.....	580	665	694	719	22,769	21,084	19,538	21,804	22,971
August.....	594	678	731	610	22,722	21,478	18,468	21,755	20,528
September.....	600	648	712	664	26,643	15,255	20,589	22,828	17,617
October.....	643	707	802	655	29,742	16,649	23,894	24,444	16,720
November.....	587	683	835	770	17,587	16,864	22,799	22,799	17,592
December.....	621	679	770	620	16,403	21,044	19,251	19,251	21,044
Total.....	8,058	9,162	9,246	8,246	\$259,547	\$248,243	\$208,109	\$208,109	\$14,485

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics						
United States Department of Labor						
Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (Revised) 1947-49=100						
Group	Aug. 1952	July 1952	June 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	July 1951
ALL COMMODITIES	112.1	111.8	111.2	111.7	111.2	111.7
Farm Products	109.9	110.2	107.2	110.4	110.9	110.4
Processed Foods	110.5	110.0	108.5	111.2	110.5	110.0
All Commodities Other Than						
Textile Products and Apparel	112.9	112.5	112.6	114.9	112.9	112.5
Household Products	99.2	99.9	99.0	100.5	99.2	99.9
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials	105.5	106.0	105.9	106.3	105.5	106.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	104.0	104.2	104.3	108.5	104.0	104.2
Metals and Metal Products	123.8	121.9	121.1	122.2	123.8	121.9
Machinery and Equipment	116.6	116.4	116.3	118.9	116.6	116.4
Fixture, Other Household Durables	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.5	116.6	116.6
Non-Metallic Minerals—Structural	113.8	113.8	113.8	113.0	113.8	113.8
Bubble & Products	126.3	130.0	133.4	144.3	126.3	130.0
Lumber and Wood Products	120.3	120.2	119.9	122.3	120.3	120.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	110.8	110.8	110.8	107.8	110.8	110.8
Tobacco, Mfrs. & Bottled Beverages	108.9	105.5	108.1	102.6	108.9	105.5
Miscellaneous						

United States Consumers' Price Index (Cost of Living)

Bureau of Labor Statistics						
United States Department of Labor						
Consumers' Price Index 1935-39=100						
Group	July 1952	June 1952	May 1952	July 1951	July 1952	June 1952
ALL ITEMS	190.8	189.6	189.0	185.5	190.8	189.6
Apparel	201.4	202.0	202.3	203.3	201.4	202.0
Food	234.9	231.5	230.8	227.7	234.9	231.5
Cereal and Baked Products	194.4	193.2	193.8	189.0	194.4	193.2
Dairy Products	212.3	209.8	210.6	205.1	212.3	209.8
Meats, Poultry and Fish	210.4	210.6	206.0	216.5	210.4	210.6
Fuel, Electricity & Refrigeration	146.4	144.8	144.6	144.0	146.4	144.8
Gas & Electricity	98.3	98.4	98.7	97.2	98.3	98.4
Other Vices	205.4	206.0	203.7	203.7	205.4	206.0
Housing	141.9	141.6	141.3	132.2	141.9	141.6
Miscellaneous	173.0	172.5	171.4	165.0	173.0	172.5

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1950 to Date

	1952	1951	1950
Jens. 1.....	50.64	Jens. 2.....	50.93
Jens. 8.....	50.61	Jens. 4.....	50.92
Jens. 15.....	50.57	Jens. 11.....	50.84
Jens. 22.....	50.60	Jens. 18.....	50.78
Jens. 29.....	50.61	Jens. 30.....	51.17
Febs. 5.....	50.61	Febs. 5.....	51.21
Febs. 12.....	50.57	Febs. 13.....	51.25
Febs. 19.....	50.60	Febs. 20.....	51.28
Febs. 26.....	50.58	Febs. 27.....	51.25
Mars. 4.....	50.58	Mars. 5.....	51.27
Mars. 11.....	50.59	Mars. 13.....	51.27
Mars. 18.....	50.54	Mars. 20.....	51.23
Mars. 25.....	50.55	Mars. 26.....	51.23
Apr. 1.....	50.60	Apr. 3.....	51.15
Apr. 8.....	50.57	Apr. 10.....	51.15
Apr. 15.....	50.57	Apr. 17.....	51.15
Apr. 22.....	50.58	Apr. 24.....	51.15
Apr. 29.....	50.58	Apr. 31.....	51.15
May 6.....	50.36	May 8.....	51.18
May 13.....	50.38	May 15.....	51.18
May 20.....	50.48	May 22.....	51.13
May 27.....	50.45	May 29.....	51.13
June 3.....	50.45	June 5.....	51.08
June 10.....	50.45	June 12.....	51.07
June 17.....	50.41	June 19.....	51.07
June 24.....	50.41	June 26.....	51.07
June 30.....	50.41	July 1.....	51.07
July 4.....	50.51	July 6.....	51.07
July 11.....	50.51	July 13.....	51.07
July 18.....	50.61	July 21.....	51.08
July 25.....	50.59	July 24.....	51.09
July 29.....	50.63	July 31.....	51.09
Aug. 5.....	50.55	Aug. 7.....	51.09
Aug. 12.....	50.66	Aug. 14.....	51.09
Aug. 19.....	50.60	Aug. 21.....	51.09
Aug. 26.....	50.70	Aug. 28.....	51.09
Sept. 2.....	50.70	Sept. 4.....	51.09
Sept. 9.....	50.60	Sept. 11.....	51.09
Sept. 16.....	50.49	Sept. 18.....	51.07
Sept. 23.....	50.63	Sept. 25.....	51.08
Sept. 30.....	50.63	Oct. 2.....	51.09
Oct. 7.....	50.71	Oct. 9.....	51.09
Oct. 14.....	50.71	Oct. 16.....	51.09
Oct. 21.....	50.68	Oct. 18.....	51.09
Oct. 28.....	50.63	Oct. 30.....	51.09
Nov. 4.....	50.65	Nov. 6.....	51.09
Nov. 11.....	50.65	Nov. 13.....	51.07
Nov. 18.....	50.65	Nov. 20.....	51.07
Nov. 25.....	50.65	Nov. 27.....	51.07
Dec. 2.....	50.65	Dec. 4.....	51.08
Dec. 9.....	50.65	Dec. 11.....	51.09
Dec. 16.....	50.65	Dec. 18.....	51.09
Dec. 23.....	50.65	Dec. 25.....	51.09
Average.....	.....	.....	51.07

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-1938=100)

	Sept. 1952	Aug. 1952	July 1952	June 1952	May 1952
1.....	294.41	290.21	294.41	294.41	294.41
2.....	292.87	290.97	294.85	295.45	295.74
3.....	290.21	289.97	294.85	295.45	295.74
4.....	292.70	290.64	294.21	294.15	294.15
5.....	292.84	291.84	294.08	295.08	295.69
6.....	294.41	291.71	295.01	295.88	296.88
7.....	294.20	295.77	294.41	297.38	297.38
8.....	294.06	295.01	294.41	297.44	297.44
9.....	293.29	290.38	295.79	297.80	297.80
10.....	292.60	291.74	295.84	295.12	297.64
11.....	293.25	291.52	294.96	294.82	294.82
12.....	293.07	291.15	295.15	295.78	297.01
13.....	294.14	291.74	295.54	295.28	295.28
14.....	294.95	294.86	295.00	295.06	295.51
15.....	292.35	294.73	290.09	291.74	291.51
16.....	292.24	291.41	295.11	297.62	297.62
17.....	291.71	291.34	294.14	297.48	297.48
20.....	291.02	294.11	295.44	297.44	297.44
21.....	291.28	291.76	291.73	297.98	297.98
22.....	291.46	291.76	293.73	297.64	297.64
23.....	292.90	288.98	297.33	297.33	297.33
24.....	292.16	292.16	297.34	297.34	297.34
25.....	292.83	292.69	295.29	295.29	295.29
27.....	291.08	291.08	290.88	291.35	291.35
28.....	292.99	292.59	295.85	296.92	296.92
29.....	292.81	292.64	295.64	297.40	297.40
30.....	292.00	292.18	295.95	296.95	296.95
31.....	291.24	294.27	294.27	294.27	294.27
(*) Holiday					
High					
Low					

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

August 1952 and 1951

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated,未经审核的数字, under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new nonresidential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	August 1952	August 1951	July 1952	August 1952	August 1951	July 1952
North England				South Atlantic		
Boston, Mass.	\$4,186,468	\$6,449,150	\$3,652,340	Alexandria, N. C.	\$246,070	\$164,565
Bridgeport, Conn.	749,550	454,174	506,363	Atlanta, Ga.	3,721,414	1,681,867
Bristol, Conn.	478,144	311,144	402,362	Augusta, Ga.	2,208	2,028
Brockton, Mass.	267,098	202,279	72,980	Baltimore, Md.	2,770,350	10,18,518
Canton, Mass.	140,352	259,465	550,120	Charleston, S. C.	187,569	103,934
Chelsea, Mass.	83,055	184,110	216,925	Charlotte, N. C.	3,119,556	1,07,405
Concord, Mass.	72,400	115,425	154,425	Coral Gables, Fla.	4,464,565	1,22,022
Dartmouth, Mass.	173,483	500,295	115,720	Corpus Christi, Tex.	469,370	300,678
East River, Mass.	270,305	1,4,910	244,685	Greenville, S. C.	812,609	444,700
Gloucester, Mass.	880,484	797,180	1,160,361	Jacksonville, Fla.	1,201,705	1,161,145
Hanover, Conn.	382,213	1,526,447	405,200	Lynchburg, Va.	174,225	249,911
Haverhill, Mass.	151,160	100,155	66,100	Marion, Mass.	231,888	2,097
Holyoke, Mass.	355,550	1,150,450	265,370	Meat Packing, N. Y.	3,168,088	2,392,138
Lawrence, Mass.	79,895	215,265	62,995	Miami Beach, Fla.	3,054,817	4,427,831
Lowell, Mass.	112,540	251,520	145,270	Norfolk, Va.	902,005	694,025
Lynn, Mass.	213,440	195,270	166,020	Richmond, Va.	1,745,716	71,004
Manchester, N. H.	402,200	360,200	1,11,607	Riverside, Calif.	1,212,288	950,572
Newton, Mass.	1,377,798	294,580	1,064,000	Savannah, Ga.	174,130	307,990
New Bedford, Mass.	1,66,527	197,887	367,655	Tampa, Fla.	578,209	666,452
New Britain, Conn.	1,713,109	1,746,192	486,780	Washington, D. C.	4,270,182	5,698,174
New Haven, Conn.	14,182,212	845,114	119,294	Winston-Salem, N. C.	3,403,204	455,411
Newark, Mass.	200,047	474,010	697,260	Total New Atlantic	\$99,171,901	\$14,420,897
Newark, N. J.	731,400	474,370	406,483	Total N. Atlantic	\$99,171,901	\$14,420,897
Portland, Me.	101,675	729,650	511,460	East Central		
Providence, R. I.	1,198,100	1,406,950	1,819,050	Akron, Ohio	\$9,596,484	\$1,12,776
Quincy, Mass.	21,100	15,155	12,100	Bethel, Mich.	171,228	504,408
Roxbury, Mass.	358,858	241,518	157,878	Bethpage, N. Y.	486,039	304,037
South Boston, Mass.	22,010	41,320	115,530	Bethel, N. Y.	56,525	124,220
Springfield, Mass.	620,719	608,288	1,258,000	Bethesda, Md.	44,173	88,191
Stamford, Conn.	27,100	91,944	91,944	Biggs, Ill.	12,191,500	17,558,475
West Hartford, Conn.	43,690	61,875	327,985	Blanchester, Ohio	1,695,580	3,470,575
West Hartford, Conn.	660,95	1,001,135	1,077,625	Clarksville, Ky.	193,935	4,126,195
Wellesley, Mass.	419,260	11,793,713	426,255	Cleveland, Ohio	75,471	181,700
Total New England	\$10,708,000	\$41,387,438	\$20,559,488	Columbus, Ohio	1,542,400	1,500,000
Middle Atlantic				Columbus, Ohio	6,531,515	6,400,750
Manhattan	\$10,605,350	\$11,600,421	\$2,111,600	Covington, Ky.	1,549,740	1,431,143
Manhattan	1,161,255	1,161,255	1,161,255	Dayton, Ohio	9,373,215	10,678,207
Manhattan	62,400	17,500,042	1,701,270	East St. Louis, Ill.	1,211,375	12,211,128
Manhattan	206,226	631,430	206,226	Easton, Pa.	2,020,254	2,151,825
Manhattan	29,707,247	12,825,000	14,87,940	Evansville, Ind.	246,950	1,070,000
Manhattan	1,31,195	24,920,920	1,31,195	Fayetteville, N. C.	1,201,135	1,201,135
Manhattan	201,714	284,531,94	16,502,807	Flint, Mich.	1,342,375	1,342,375
Manhattan	914,750	657,876	1,083,804	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,286,502	1,286,502
Manhattan	143,711	227,121	100,657	Green Bay, Wis.	616,285	601,992
Total N. Atlantic	\$10,708,000	\$41,387,438	\$20,559,488	Greenwood, Ind.	2,020,254	1,501,362
1st Alterations				Hammond, Ind.	1,251,510	1,251,510
Albany, N. Y.	\$1,744,945	\$400,575	131,228	Huntington, W. Va.	1,194,271	1,194,271
Albany, N. Y.	22,475	604,555	483,600	Indianapolis, Ind.	2,657,711	2,657,711
Albany, N. Y.	151,499	175,609	1,312,925	Lansing, Mich.	1,202,067	288,800
Atlantic City, N. J.	255,179	93,000	134,190	Lima, Ohio	158,385	410,545
Asbury Park, N. J.	99,470	259,380	99,465	Louisville, Ky.	1,467,275	1,187,094
Bayonne, N. J.	29,750	43,000	50,000	Madison, Wis.	1,440,400	1,440,400
Bayonne, N. J.	29,750	43,000	50,000	Milwaukee, Wis.	5,476,208	8,924,310
Buffalo, N. Y.	1,867,414	947,585	907,566	Montgomery, N. Y.	95,700	51,100
Buffalo, N. Y.	192,568	365,719	235,095	Montgomery, N. Y.	162,120	202,705
Buffalo, N. Y.	310,941	274,450	165,97	Motor City, Mich.	1,645,157	514,511
Buffalo, N. Y.	1,11,105	44,160	181,450	Myers Park, N. C.	123,220	73,220
Buffalo, N. Y.	397,140	2,24,295	1,384,263	Quincy, Ill.	182,547	230,900
Buffalo, N. Y.	138,000	169,551	215,818	Racine, Wis.	697,817	691,267
Jamesburg, N. J.	2,00,100	1,25,100	160,509	Rockford, Ill.	644,700	644,690
Jamesburg, N. J.	50,100	1,533,000	280,086	Seguin, Mich.	1,633,250	1,633,250
Jamesburg, N. J.	61,000	184,586	2,090,746	Springfield, Ill.	1,059,133	1,059,133
Jamesburg, N. J.	209,440	129,115	315,413	Springfield, Ill.	1,558,784	1,366,609
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	870,425	534,820	870,425	Springfield, Ill.	444,627	662,041
Newark, N. J.	1,11,073	1,11,073	1,11,073	Springfield, Ohio	1,245,478	1,245,478
Newark, N. J.	814,560	842,503	893,433	Superior, Wis.	1,04,055	106,285
Philadelphia, Pa.	9,01,760	9,244,540	7,945,270	Toledo, Ohio	1,174,109	1,05,981
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,51,482	3,00,000	1,40,000	Toledo, Ohio	1,780,280	2,668,850
Philadelphia, Pa.	4,41,410	66,690	180,700	Waukegan, Ill.	422,220	485,720
Philadelphia, Pa.	299,824	190,615	294,385	Wheeling, W. Va.	234,592	375,800
Philadelphia, Pa.	2,65,487	2,221,947	1,294,143	Youngstown, Ohio	1,130,211	75,14,142
Philadelphia, Pa.	5,12,623	496,889	2,01,479	Zanesville, Ohio	77,925	47,120
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,14,139	1,14,139	191,365	Total East Central	\$79,183,176	\$96,812,145
Philadelphia, Pa.	96,375	1,106,125	1,028,000	Total N. Atlantic	\$99,171,901	\$14,420,897
Philadelphia, Pa.	65,315	2,504,346	99,807	South Central		
Philadelphia, Pa.	174,300	257,700	272,800	Amarillo, Tex.	\$328,223	\$204,310
Philadelphia, Pa.	182,175	249,100	249,100	Austin, Tex.	1,314,644	2,359,782
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,04,000	1,04,000	305,983	Brownsville, Tex.	2,619,827	2,401,988
Philadelphia, Pa.	182,394	100,287	127,918	Brenham, Tex.	1,978,512	3,205,512
Philadelphia, Pa.	129,500	414,823	169,493	Brownwood, Tex.	303,515	1,08,517
Philadelphia, Pa.	504,084	866,329	3,81,717	Birmingham, Ala.	2,101,199	3,206,547
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,06,075	8,01,000	875,000	Chattanooga, Tenn.	562,996	314,869
Philadelphia, Pa.	142,420	233,775	275,821	Dallas, Tex.	8,077,930	9,028,658
Total Middle Atl.	199,191,711	\$111,241,528	\$75,311,214	El Paso, Tex.	627,200	547,100
				Fort Smith, Ark.	470,170	334,644
				Fort Worth, Texas	2,721,681	2,066,114
				Galveston, Tex.	183,221	78,109
				Houston, Tex.	8,030,934	11,580,967
				Jackson, Miss.	723,477	1,271,246
				Knoxville, Tenn.	524,799	530,806
				Little Rock, Ark.	660,235	616,381
				Memphis, Tenn.	1,097,219	2,625,507
				Mobile, Ala.	2,029,751	286,555
				Montgomery, Ala.		716,543

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

August 1952 and 1951

	August 1 1952	August 1 1951	July 1952		August 1 1952	August 1 1951	July 1952
So. Cents (Cont.)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.	\$69,000	\$605,830	\$69,315	Bolton, Idaho	\$39,298	\$104,220	\$517,372
Mustogee, Okla.	67,750	170,940	50,490	Bonne, Mont.	127,890	19,575	35,125
Nease, Fla.	43,128	32,409	44,166	Bozeman, Mont.	52,980	807,024	410,995
New Orleans, La.	2,914,240	7,042,650	16,115,212	Butte, Mont.	37,440	1,180,200	8,172
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2,087,294	1,898,232	1,780,046	Calgary, Alberta, Can.	72,147	7,487,774	8,209,272
Port Arthur, Texas.	400,663	1,107,767	437,559	Denver, Colo.	376,775	356,725	384,900
San Antonio, Texas.	415,900	504,238	417,747	Edmonton, Alberta, Can.	506,000	2,066,800	505,600
San Diego, Calif.	1,131,200	7,101,541	2,534,405	Idaho Falls, Idaho	1,009,586	1,326,995	688,006
Shreveport, La.	1,024,034	1,040,983	1,918,667	Idaho Springs, Colo.	143,135	1,020,400	1,020,631
Tulsa, Okla.	745,825	1,029,200	1,435,450	Jefferson, Mont.	1,239,785	1,402,607	2,161,775
Waco, Texas.	537,048	2,129,241	1,815,209	Tucson, Ariz.	642,497	762,179	462,501
Wichita Falls, Texas.	694,380	370,332	1,819,827	Total Mountains.	\$13,489,270	\$11,533,904	\$11,508,493
Total So. Central.	\$52,961,261	\$62,666,795	\$77,595,168	Pacific			
West Central				Bakersfield, Calif.	\$366,688	\$348,285	\$455,652
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	\$456,865	\$899,599	\$438,174	Berkeley, Calif.	427,654	586,624	876,007
Davenport, Iowa.	772,645	642,716	907,631	Billings, Mont.	54,411	42,830	83,177
Des Moines, Iowa.	1,121,121	1,658,894	2,693,157	Bozeman, Mont.	1,768,566	1,054,610	1,177,460
Dubuque, Iowa.	1,039,558	285,090	370,880	Brentwood, Calif.	316,223	1,081,410	1,101,944
Duluth, Minn.	246,405	371,798	845,145	Long Beach, Calif.	518,120	3,446,635	6,186,360
Eau Claire, Wis.	229,810	315,130	340,700	Los Angeles, Calif.	29,275,516	15,537,995	35,674,335
Kansas City, Kas.	518,077	302,590	1,657,016	Los Angeles, Calif.	7,795,259	2,200,453	2,200,453
Kansas City, Mo.	971,000	2,186,000	372,000	Pasadena, Calif.	969,682	1,290,297	1,531,270
Lincoln, Neb.	2,853,000	1,115,020	12,395	Portland, Ore.	4,380,095	1,267,280	4,074,370
Minneapolis, Minn.	1,212,000	1,447,110	12,466	Sacramento, Calif.	1,330,909	122,018	710,468
Omaha, Neb.	4,984,228	11,111,465	4,987,491	San Francisco, Calif.	81,377,890	5,066,299	8,177,971
St. Joseph, Mo.	97,650	141,375	103,275	San Francisco, Calif.	2,949,977	2,447,977	3,095,935
St. Louis, Mo.	3,659,044	3,654,289	21,875,132	San Jose, Calif.	1,132,740	1,204,169	936,355
St. Paul, Minn.	4,250,905	2,500,124	4,090,488	Seattle, Wash.	3,796,585	8,885,495	11,827,500
Sioux City, Iowa.	4,275	770,100	460,000	Spokane, Wash.	3,901,027	1,305,474	1,482,998
Sioux Falls, S. D.	783,705	994,855	495,179	St. Louis, Calif.	1,181,933	1,486,018	644,113
Topeka, Kas.	380,305	2,784,950	931,305	Tacoma, Wash.	800,100	1,440,241	1,420,219
Wichita, Kas.	2,194,601	3,102,987	2,784,672	Total Pacific.	\$66,927,416	\$51,550,281	\$64,592,089
Total West Central.	\$84,059,337	\$25,745,812	\$51,000,349	Total 215 Cities.	\$394,624,682	\$437,066,400	\$441,150,921

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1950 to Date

	Total United States = 215 Cities			New York City			Outside New York City = 214 Cities		
	1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950
Jan.	\$259,293,065	\$446,881,401	\$344,999,161	\$24,712,989	\$1,030,875	\$4,87,234	\$24,580,076	\$195,848,516	\$92,125,927
Feb.	315,120,903	327,241,738	343,121,378	33,765,418	24,466,571	67,454,496	281,555,485	302,893,167	275,607,092
Mar.	350,270,591	411,630,560	448,893,654	31,535,059	48,584,490	48,420,730	318,735,532	382,045,620	400,452,924
Apr.	377,000,000	377,000,000	351,130,200	21,762,220	26,762,059	57,104,455	345,143,136	388,255,201	388,255,201
May.	408,031,113	436,074,181	568,904,044	62,400,222	106,762,059	104,101,564	346,000,000	377,111,222	322,900,000
June.	386,268,442	385,041,042	508,021,104	30,400,878	51,458,270	102,562,255	349,801,564	331,582,772	465,460,849
July.	441,160,921	415,571,892	524,978,208	44,945,049	45,575,107	37,121,541	396,215,872	370,014,167	487,154,667
Aug.	394,624,082	371,820,000	550,700,000	69,916,114	50,505,151	37,858,882	324,708,568	361,161,249	313,339,091
Sept.	418,624,648	418,624,648	400,666,993	25,400,000	25,400,000	25,400,000	321,640,015	321,640,015	321,640,015
Oct.	367,445,821	510,255,660	510,255,660	38,860,760	70,903,243	38,159,243	312,559,237	649,000,167	312,559,237
Nov.	285,365,014	408,668,048	408,668,048	35,200,000	35,200,000	35,200,000	235,145,558	271,187,167	271,187,167
Dec.	266,210,510	426,607,027	36,829,573	36,150,213	36,150,213	227,180,237	227,180,237	386,450,714	386,450,714
Total. ....	.....	\$4,584,466,337	\$5,549,694,106	.....	\$556,572,036	\$656,015,407	.....	\$4,027,894,301	\$4,695,578,099

Building Permit Values and Index for 120 Cities—1939 to Date

(Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 100s. Adjusted for seasonal variations. Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.	198,140	133,4	366,023	201,2	209,459	160,5	188,301
February.	246,915	130,4	261,150	183,4	282,201	187,7	194,900
March.	273,190	130,7	350,142	140,9	356,918	156,8	253,522
April.	321,622	123,9	289,807	134,4	355,066	159,8	283,047
May.	319,919	129,2	349,189	127,5	464,053	174,5	257,321
June.	311,310	121,2	278,207	141,4	461,200	172,2	270,205
July.	356,378	146,2	333,019	147,6	486,324	195,6	240,714
August.	311,909	134,2	354,225	160,1	433,953	186,4	295,797
September.	317,470	137,6	392,471	191,5	311,411	174,3	284,216
October. ....	.....	295,720	148,0	420,917	188,8	346,781	182,8
November.	281,169	132,4	318,186	188,8	245,112	145,4	229,851
December.	201,270	127,0	340,244	210,1	249,302	153,8	227,901
Total. ....	.....	3,654,367	4,405,831	.....	3,131,076	.....	2,469,879
						

	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.	37,090	26,3	27,611	20,3	24,252	16,7	89,603
February.	65,258	29,6	34,602	22,6	20,908	13,4	59,097
March.	55,876	28,1	67,040	21,3	26,854	13,2	83,522
April.	50,890	22,9	36,371	19,4	39,017	14,5	91,747
May.	61,624	24,7	38,833	16,7	41,256	15,2	62,120
June.	52,242	22,4	27,115	15,0	45,927	14,7	109,304
July.	71,846	34,5	63,990	33,7	37,738	16,6	45,221
August.	90,156	42,0	111,641	37,8	41,221	16,6	42,528
September.	100,086	52,0	63,074	43,9	37,318	19,6	49,277
October.	120,262	61,4	96,165	43,1	41,658	21,0	55,472
November.	134,094	78,3	101,509	59,4	54,211	21,7	25,322
December.	166,318	93,5	33,673	31,2	36,393	20,8	73,241
Total. ....	.....	1,028,028	.....	708,505	.....	418,901	.....
						
							643,820
							1,196,043
						
							1,028,812

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	1951										1952										
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1st Quar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1st Quar.	Jan.	Feb.		
Alabama.....	37	44	30	111	69	44	61	151	51	41	147	50									
Arizona.....	72	70	67	209	66	66	59	194	59	55	212	73									
Arkansas.....	49	22	19	53	54	35	62	152	53	24	22	39									
California.....	548	540	605	1,623	634	640	711	1,985	78	710	711	2,199									
Colorado.....	40	47	51	124	79	66	62	157	59	73	68	200									
Connecticut.....	114	115	124	353	145	129	120	394	137	135	125	397									
Delaware.....	229	211	187	627	270	216	218	704	268	243	227	738									
Florida.....	328	278	339	945	297	292	339	928	347	363	340	1,050									
Georgia.....	65	93	67	225	135	86	99	320	75	90	80	245									
Illinois.....	313	419	1,077	357	343	347	1,047	406	30	34	23	89									
Indiana.....	15	24	24	318	107	91	114	312	105	120	97	1,111									
Iowa.....	98	130	126	451	133	37	31	135	103	157	97	1,223									
Kansas.....	24	34	34	45	113	51	45	146	65	63	46	174									
Kentucky.....	47	20	64	147	49	51	45	171	62	51	50	163									
Louisiana.....	52	52	51	140	56	70	65	171	81	81	69	238									
Maine.....	50	53	56	165	79	69	69	217	81	81	69	238									
Maryland.....	29	31	43	103	30	26	25	86	35	23	22	90									
Massachusetts.....	135	122	109	296	169	142	202	197	652	156	161	456									
Michigan.....	208	208	353	721	246	207	192	174	575	172	252	244									
Minnesota.....	165	174	149	448	207	194	172	690	238	180	180	200									
Mississippi.....	68	81	140	289	77	72	69	113	113	94	94	269									
Missouri.....	23	23	28	374	37	37	39	415	415	415	415	1,20									
Montana.....	140	89	116	351	132	145	138	415	169	114	123	405									
Nebraska.....	16	8	24	48	26	8	10	44	28	32	18	78									
Nebraska.....	14	21	29	64	33	39	95	23	93	93	28	84									
Nevada.....	48	41	36	125	38	43	43	153	50	53	58	161									
New Hampshire.....	25	19	26	70	27	19	22	68	68	20	32	179									
New Jersey.....	514	463	358	1,335	598	476	548	1,622	529	533	536	1,598									
New Mexico.....	1,054	1,564	1,497	4,715	2,283	1,689	1,853	5,825	1,985	1,940	1,900	5,825									
New York.....	1,680	87	102	269	125	98	116	309	1,133	97	102	332									
North Dakota.....	8	10	15	33	12	11	11	39	9	16	19	44									
Ohio.....	405	331	336	1,072	461	409	547	1,417	452	432	601	1,475									
Oklahoma.....	59	68	66	193	85	89	81	255	99	94	67	260									
Oregon.....	58	58	60	84	192	70	56	181	74	70	65	209									
Pennsylvania.....	230	190	267	633	210	222	289	821	370	122	125	342									
Rhode Island.....	48	44	55	147	69	58	53	180	84	84	67	199									
South Carolina.....	59	50	55	164	67	43	49	159	55	51	32	138									
South Dakota.....	14	10	14	38	11	8	7	26	9	16	18	43									
Tennessee.....	65	47	78	190	89	90	78	257	97	64	83	244									
Texas.....	247	262	274	731	373	972	373	319	340	296	955	308									
Utah.....	223	24	18	65	30	34	25	89	30	28	32	90									
Vermont.....	14	14	42	13	88	128	114	128	370	112	97	125									
Virginia.....	90	74	88	258	190	78	94	262	97	97	148	226									
Washington.....	78	74	74	215	130	55	36	137	40	39	118	64									
West Virginia.....	48	44	38	103	100	96	299	122	111	117	350	86									
Wisconsin.....	97	97	124	294	103	100	96	299	122	111	117	350									
Wyoming.....	10	7	15	32	10	12	15	37	21	8	12	41									
Total 48 States.....	6,812	6,289	6,913	20,014	8,357	7,138	7,902	23,397	8,284	7,915	7,619	24,018	7,549								

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Mining & B. Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	864	225	26.1	110	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1	
February.....	811	210	26.0	100	399	49.2	73	9.0	59	6.5	
March.....	884	206	23.3	116	131	402	45.5	86	9.7	74	8.4
April.....	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.6	44	5.5
May.....	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June.....	720	171	23.1	97	10.2	361	50.1	51	6.4	57	9.2
July.....	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	52	8.9
August.....	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September.....	648	147	22.7	69	10.6	314	48.5	75	11.6	43	6.6
October.....	707	150	21.2	63	8.9	339	47.9	91	12.9	64	9.1
November.....	683	150	22.0	66	10.1	310	45.4	81	12.7	67	9.8
December.....	679	143	21.1	77	11.3	350	48.6	62	9.1	67	9.0
Total Year.....	9,162	2,074	22.6	1,016	11.1	4,429	48.3	912	10.0	731	9.0

1951

	Total Number	Mining & B. Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	775	132	17.0	73	9.4	410	52.9	97	12.5	63	8.2
February.....	599	107	17.9	69	11.5	304	50.9	60	10.0	59	9.6
March.....	732	115	15.7	88	12.0	317	51.5	81	11.4	59	9.4
April.....	693	119	17.2	76	11.0	365	52.6	81	11.7	58	7.5
May.....	755	128	17.0	84	11.1	385	51.0	94	12.4	64	8.5
June.....	699	129	18.4	66	4.4	390	55.8	71	10.2	43	6.2
July.....	665	130	19.6	66	9.9	340	51.1	74	11.1	55	8.3
August.....	618	111	6.4	94	13.4	341	49.1	98	13.1	56	8.3
September.....	620	150	24.2	70	11.3	277	44.7	84	13.5	39	6.3
October.....	643	150	23.3	47	7.3	304	47.3	85	13.2	57	8.9
November.....	587	106	18.0	58	9.9	307	52.3	69	11.6	48	8.2
December.....	612	131	21.4	56	10.8	296	48.4	71	11.6	48	7.8
Total Year.....	8,058	1,533	19.0	827	10.3	4,088	50.7	957	11.9	653	8.1

1952

	Total Number	Mining & B. Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	671	143	21.3	69	9.2	348	51.9	68	10.1	50	7.5
February.....	619	133	21.5	60	9.7	304	49.1	70	11.3	52	8.4
March.....	715	146	20.7	69	9.6	371	51.9	72	10.1	55	7.7
April.....	780	171	21.9	83	10.7	375	48.1	93	11.9	58	7.4
May.....	639	111	17.4	59	9.2	337	52.2	75	11.8	60	9.4
June.....	671	128	19.1	73	10.9	340	50.7	78	11.6	52	7.7
July.....	580	133	22.9	59	10.2	299	51.5	49	8.3	41	7.1
August.....	594	109	18.3	60	10.1	316	53.2	58	9.8	51	8.6
September.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
October.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
November.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
December.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total Year.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	864	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
February.....	811	181	22.2	404	49.6	186	22.9	40	5.0	**	**
March.....	884	165	18.8	458	51.6	208	23.5	52	5.9	**	**
April.....	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	169	21.0	49	6.1	**	**
May.....	874	197	22.5	450	51.5	186	21.3	41	4.7	**	**
June.....	725	126	23.3	373	51.5	159	22.9	32	4.3	1	0.1
July.....	694	140	20.2	363	52.1	159	22.9	32	4.6	**	**
August.....	713	177	22.7	427	51.7	161	20.6	23	3.1	1	0.1
September.....	648	175	27.0	316	48.8	135	20.8	22	3.4	**	**
October.....	707	175	24.8	255	50.2	156	22.1	20	2.8	1	0.1
November.....	683	186	27.2	342	50.1	122	17.9	31	4.5	2	0.3
December.....	679	147	21.0	353	52.0	148	21.6	29	4.3	2	0.3
Total Year.....	9,162	2,065	22.5	4,706	51.4	1,975	21.6	407	4.4	9	0.1

1951

	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	775	190	24.5	404	52.1	143	18.5	38	4.9	**	**
February.....	599	145	24.2	302	50.4	121	20.2	30	5.0	1	0.2
March.....	732	170	23.2	401	54.8	137	18.7	23	3.2	1	0.1
April.....	693	175	25.1	148	50.2	145	20.9	24	5.6	1	0.1
May.....	735	159	21.1	408	51.0	145	20.2	42	5.6	1	0.1
June.....	699	164	23.5	359	51.3	134	19.2	41	5.9	1	0.1
July.....	665	150	22.6	347	52.2	134	20.1	32	4.8	2	0.3
August.....	678	141	20.8	345	50.9	151	23.3	38	5.6	3	0.4
September.....	620	150	21.1	315	50.9	112	18.1	39	5.3	4	0.6
October.....	643	136	21.2	319	49.6	145	22.5	39	6.1	4	0.6
November.....	587	129	22.0	303	52.1	121	20.6	30	5.1	1	0.2
December.....	612	123	20.1	306	50.0	146	23.9	36	5.9	1	0.2
Total Year.....	8,058	1,832	22.7	4,160	51.6	1,634	20.3	412	5.1	20	0.3

1952

	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	671	119	17.7	243	51.1	154	23.0	52	7.8	3	0.4
February.....	619	117	18.9	298	53.0	138	22.3	55	5.5	2	0.3
March.....	715	129	18.1	367	51.2	169	23.6	48	6.7	2	0.3
April.....	780	156	20.0	379	48.6	180	23.1	64	8.2	1	0.1
May.....	618	130	20.4	317	52.8	140	21.5	29	4.6	2	0.3
June.....	671	127	19.6	346	51.3	157	22.4	42	6.3	1	0.1
July.....	580	96	16.5	305	52.6	126	21.7	51	8.8	2	0.3
August.....	594	130	21.9	292	49.1	140	23.6	32	5.4	**	**
September.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
October.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
November.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
December.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total Year.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Failures by Divisions of Industry—August 1952

Mining & Manufacturing	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities			
	Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952			
	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951		
Mining—Coal, Oil, Minerals	5	31	25	255	2,338	2,942
Food & Kindred Products	11	122	186	923	9,505	9,998
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	24	258	239	1,351	11,115	9,169
Lumber & Products	21	182	149	84	3,928	5,291
Chemical & Allied Products	10	79	54	66	2,393	1,047
Leather & Products	1	11	10	2	2,933	1,047
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7	60	47	302	2,890	1,913
Iron, Steel & Products	6	13	24	16	1,594	533
Machinery, Equipment	4	82	73	150	1,074	8,781
Transportation Equipment	3	19	11	101	1,618	495
Miscellaneous	13	164	174	601	9,074	4,954
Total Mining & Mfg.	109	1,016	996	5,056	70,784	51,170

Agricultural Trades

Food & Farm Products	Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952	
	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951
Apparel	7	73	160	1,144	1,122	1,079
Dairies	1	24	17	5	738	317
Lumber, Building, Household	5	41	45	362	2,578	1,893
Chemicals & Drugs	1	14	24	3	864	567
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment	1	16	22	31	663	1,912
Miscellaneous	26	238	281	410	8,143	3,501
Total Wholesale Trades	60	525	586	2,186	93,682	27,344
Total Retail Trades	316	2,656	2,904	5,255	51,941	31,857
Food & Liquor	71	640	755	700	9,295	9,782
General Merchandise	8	99	107	12	2,592	1,893
Apparel & Accessories	43	420	416	322	7,600	6,077
Hardware, Home Furnishings	19	292	291	1,021	1,141	1,154
Automobiles, Auto Parts	13	161	155	149	2,996	2,988
Gasoline & Lubricating Oils	23	207	200	164	4,284	3,192
Electrical & Dressing Glasses	66	578	602	1,204	11,066	12,055
Drug Stores	17	61	67	290	1,182	1,160
Miscellaneous	36	282	277	683	5,128	5,223
Total Retail Trade	316	2,656	2,904	5,255	51,941	31,857
Construction						
General Bldg. Contractors	20	211	285	294	11,091	12,113
Building Subcontractors	35	129	192	1,081	4,530	5,452
Other Contractors	0	22	23	11	978	2,812
Total Construction	58	362	549	1,816	21,593	24,477
Commercial Services						
Passenger & Freight Transportation	15	122	136	1,198	11,236	5,607
Postal & Public Services	4	26	30	981	1,106	1,076
Hotels, Motels, Rooming Houses	1	19	12	15	902	473
Cleaning, Drying, Repairing	5	51	57	65	954	979
Laundries	5	25	37	43	410	1,016
Undertakers	1	9	10	9	52	459
Other Personal Services	13	119	135	92	3,166	2,212
Business & Repair Services						
Total Commercial Services	51	419	463	1,809	15,570	10,984
TOTAL UNITED STATES	594	5,268	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192

Failures in Large Cities—August 1952

City 1950 Population Ranking	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities			
	Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952			
	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951		
New York, N. Y.	354	1,235	1,248	9,557	47,164	39,208
Chicago, Illinois	30	120	95	7,011	12,131	10,101
Baltimore, Md.	2	3	11	498	1,136	1,058
Detroit, Mich.	9	29	53	118	2,136	2,745
Los Angeles, Calif.	44	267	242	810	5,930	6,602
Cleveland, Ohio	4	41	58	70	599	1,231
Baltimore, Md.	6	21	31	23	1,454	1,243
Boston, Mass.	1	13	21	23	1,055	1,055
Baltimore, Md.	7	92	83	110	1,050	2,762
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6	25	29	102	1,287	556
Washington, D. C.	1	15	27	11	429	429
St. Louis, Mo.	5	35	37	254	5,143	2,185
Minneapolis, Minn.	3	14	72	75	2,027	1,195
Buffalo, N. Y.	7	36	33	175	830	921
New Orleans, La.	1	22	19	3	775	501
Minneapolis, Minn.	1	18	17	3	451	251
St. Louis, Mo.	1	18	11	30	101	284
Baltimore, Md.	6	35	29	312	1,168	1,765
Kansas City, Mo.	2	12	18	52	1,498	1,497
Indianapolis, Ind.	1	3	2	1	82	203
Houston, Texas	2	12	15	102	695	1,201
Seattle, Wash.	3	13	45	64	1,255	2,017
Katherine, N. Y.	3	20	23	44	2,532	415
Louisville, Ky.	1	8	7	11	125	185
Denver, Colo.	1	14	14	1	1,060	1,205
Total 25 Cities	301	2,541	2,601	6,977	90,039	76,480
Balance of Countries	293	2,322	2,995	9,145	95,911	86,713
TOTAL UNITED STATES	594	5,268	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192

United States Failures by States—August 1952

State	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities			
	Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952			
	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951		
Alaska	—	—	17	25		
Alabama	1	16	20	153	914	267
Arkansas	—	—	8	20		
Arizona	26	251	242	577	9,505	5,649
Connecticut	18	121	99	1,156	5,788	3,540
Rhode Island	7	63	70	245	2,441	1,135
Total New England	52	493	451	2,131	19,882	11,490
Midwest	—	—	—	—		
Illinois	39	278	286	1,071	9,971	7,064
Michigan	16	115	140	265	3,747	4,865
Wisconsin	11	94	124	115	2,713	2,621
Total Middle Atlantic	235	2,040	2,099	5,800	71,908	63,652
East North Central	—	—	—	—		
Ohio	143	129	129	277	3,063	5,343
Indiana	34	36	36	3	1,024	849
Michigan	45	64	64	328	2,619	1,886
Wisconsin	5	5	5	203	263	36
North Dakota	1	4	3	17		
South Dakota	1	4	3	17		
Nebraska	8	10	12	120	4,461	4,461
Kansas	19	20	20	137	1,430	600
Total East N. Cen.	84	668	788	1,731	21,370	20,941
Rest North Central	—	—	—	—		
Minnesota	55	52	13	1,066	1,133	1,133
Iowa	17	20	20	142	4,432	3,899
Missouri	5	45	44	328	2,619	1,886
North Dakota	1	5	5	203	263	36
South Dakota	1	4	3	17		
Nebraska	8	10	12	120	4,461	4,461
Kansas	19	20	20	137	1,430	600
Total West N. Cen.	36	321	374	1,408	18,181	18,181
South Atlantic	—	—	—	—		
East South Central	—	—	—	—		
Kentucky	24	25	25	20	627	523
Tennessee	7	56	54	91	1,114	2,106
Alabama	28	22	23	101	910	999
Mississippi	2	20	21	23	379	692
Total East S. Cen.	10	128	132	134	3,220	4,000
West South Central	—	—	—	—		
Arkansas	9	17	17	44	546	588
Oklahoma	15	25	25	24	1,162	1,446
Louisiana	1	20	3	1,100	4,215	4,215
Texas	12	69	69	280	4,215	4,215
Total West S. Cen.	13	130	155	789	7,663	6,666
Mountain	—	—	—	—		
Montana	1	4	1	28	66	8
Idaho	2	14	12	6	398	236
Wyoming	—	—	1	24	25	25
Colorado	2	15	24	14	1,174	2,271
New Mexico	—	—	6	16	212	291
Arizona	2	15	40	10	1,201	688
Utah	5	16	18	227	1,045	306
Nevada	1	11	12	50	303	534
Total Mountain	13	119	122	353	4,518	4,103
Pacific	—	—	—	—		
Washington	82	58	68	145	2,332	1,402
Oregon	5	55	49	219	2,458	2,080
California	122	1,079	1,149	2,739	29,509	1,977
Total Pacific	135	1,217	1,260	2,701	34,456	11,105
TOTAL UNITED STATES	594	5,268	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192
Canadian Failures by Provinces—August 1952						
Province	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities			
	Aug. 1952		Aug. 1952			
	8 Months	1951	8 Months	1951		
Alberta	—	—	—	—		
British Columbia	2	33	21	25	591	513
Total Canada	62	611	542	1,514	14,214	12,143

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—August 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	August 1952				January to August 1952				January to August 1951			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing	109	100.0	5,056	5,406	1,076	100.0	70,784	72,293	996	100.0	51,170	52,634
Under \$5,000.....	14	12.9	46	46	122	11.3	356	356	164	16.5	475	475
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	41	37.6	505	505	447	41.5	5,262	5,202	442	44.4	5,338	5,338
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	40	36.7	2,013	2,013	347	32.3	17,554	17,554	264	28.5	13,848	13,848
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	14	12.8	2,492	2,842	152	14.4	35,992	35,992	100	10.0	24,193	24,193
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	8	0.8	12,979	12,299	6	0.6	1,480	1,480
Wholesale Trade	60	100.0	2,386	2,386	525	100.0	23,682	23,879	586	100.0	27,344	28,233
Under \$5,000.....	6	10.0	19	19	68	13.0	198	198	88	14.3	248	248
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	50.0	344	344	236	44.9	2,981	2,981	296	50.5	3,618	3,618
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	18	30.0	738	738	166	31.6	7,634	7,634	157	26.8	7,565	7,565
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	10.0	1,285	1,285	53	10.1	9,983	10,180	46	7.9	9,426	10,315
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	2	0.4	2,886	2,886	3	0.5	6,487	6,487
Retail Trade	316	100.0	5,255	5,255	2,086	100.0	51,241	51,307	2,909	100.0	51,857	52,051
Under \$5,000.....	92	29.1	268	268	649	24.2	1,959	1,959	817	28.1	2,119	2,119
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	164	51.9	1,845	1,845	1,524	56.7	17,189	17,189	1,602	55.2	21,511	21,511
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	56	17.7	2,403	2,403	448	16.7	19,244	19,244	429	14.8	17,662	17,662
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	1.3	739	739	65	2.4	11,956	12,022	56	1.9	10,145	10,339
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Construction	58	100.0	1,816	1,816	562	100.0	21,593	21,623	649	100.0	24,877	24,925
Under \$5,000.....	5	10.4	17	17	77	13.7	222	222	113	17.4	326	326
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	51.7	378	378	276	49.1	3,571	3,571	332	51.2	4,184	4,184
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	18	31.0	791	791	155	27.6	7,300	7,300	155	23.9	6,981	6,981
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	6.9	630	630	54	9.6	10,500	10,500	48	7.4	12,406	12,434
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.1	1,000	1,000
Commercial Service	51	100.0	1,809	1,809	119	100.0	16,670	18,865	461	100.0	10,944	11,033
Under \$5,000.....	12	23.5	39	39	88	21.0	262	262	116	25.2	334	334
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	27	52.9	349	349	212	50.6	2,538	2,538	242	52.5	2,829	2,829
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	8	15.7	350	350	88	21.0	3,959	3,959	85	16.4	3,602	3,602
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	7.9	1,071	1,071	28	6.7	6,178	6,393	18	3.9	4,179	4,258
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.7	5,733	5,733	..	..	..	..
Total United States	594	100.0	16,222	16,222	5,266	100.0	185,970	187,987	5,596	100.0	165,192	168,876
Under \$5,000.....	130	21.9	389	389	1,004	19.1	2,097	2,097	1,294	23.1	3,702	3,702
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	292	45.1	3,401	3,421	2,625	51.2	31,774	31,774	2,914	52.1	37,500	37,500
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	140	23.6	6,995	6,995	2,204	22.8	58,391	58,391	1,110	19.8	49,838	49,838
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	32	5.4	6,017	6,067	152	6.7	73,250	73,017	208	4.8	60,235	61,929
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	13	0.2	21,598	21,848	10	0.2	14,917	15,907

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—August 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....	11	840	5	540	30	470	4	107	2	162	52	2,131
New York.....	47	1,802	21	781	118	1,862	15	300	212	502	115	5,002
Philadelphia.....	4	10	2	11	103	..	..	..	..	..	15	524
Cleveland.....	14	165	3	43	13	150	5	86	4	51	29	465
Baltimore.....	5	149	2	25	13	190	..	..	2	525	22	889
Atlanta.....	3	131	..	..	9	246	1	19	1	51	17	551
Chicago.....	7	337	8	35	35	319	6	265	6	355	64	1,511
St. Louis.....	..	..	..	..	7	147	1	10	..	..	6	166
Minneapolis.....	19	103	..	..	6	233	..	..	..	..	8	316
Kansas City.....	..	..	3	301	7	82	..	..	1	5	11	388
Dallas.....	2	137	3	85	3	196	4	364	1	24	13	808
San Francisco.....	24	976	13	475	68	1,070	21	523	19	351	145	3,295
Total United States	109	5,056	60	2,386	316	5,255	58	1,816	51	1,809	594	16,322

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index			
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	29.7	34.0	38.5	25.7	27.8	31.5	36.0	23.8
February.....	31.0	31.4	32.2	26.8	26.0	27.6	32.9	21.0
March.....	31.6	31.2	36.4	22.6	29.5	28.9	33.4	22.9
April.....	34.4	31.9	36.0	38.1	31.6	29.3	33.0	35.0
May.....	28.1	33.5	37.6	34.9	26.5	31.6	35.5	33.2
June.....	30.7	31.2	31.2	35.7	31.0	31.5	36.1	36.1
July.....	25.0	31.0	32.2	21.3	30.0	33.0	32.5	26.0
August.....	25.9	32.7	31.5	29.1	32.8	37.2	38.1	27.0
September.....	29.7	29.5	32.7	..	35.4	35.1	38.5	..
October.....	28.5	32.3	35.7	..	31.0	35.5	39.7	..
November.....	29.3	31.1	40.3	..	29.3	33.7	37.5	..
December.....	28.2	30.9	33.0	..	29.7	32.0	34.0	..
Mo. Average...	29.6	30.7	34.3	34.4	..	..	..	..

(1) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations were levied in court; or were reorganized, liquidated, reorganized, or arrangements, or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, or affiliated companies, supplying materials to the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

CONSUMER SPENDING STEADY

Consumer spending in the early part of September remained almost unchanged from a year ago. Many retailers reverted to night openings as the Fall season got underway. Pressed by demands for a five-day week by employees, a few stores were experimenting with a Tuesday-to-Saturday week.

Purchases of appliances, automobiles and television sets dipped slightly from the preceding months. The sharp spurt in this volume, which had followed the removal of credit controls, appeared to have subsided.

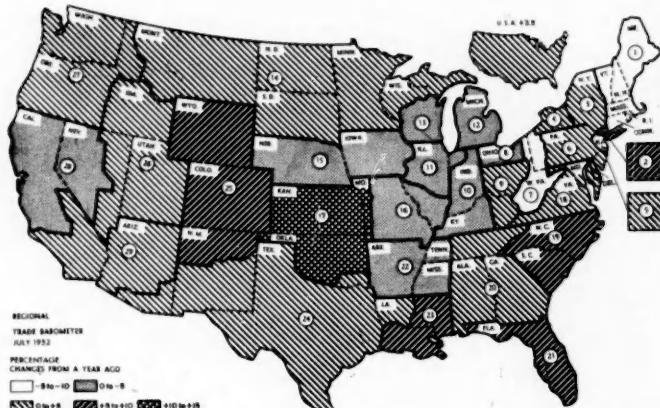
Customers displayed a marked interest in the promotions of Fall apparel while response to the Summer clearance sales lagged slightly. Food volume dipped slightly as consumers displayed resistance to the high prices.

Consumer spending in August remained at near record levels according to the seasonally adjusted DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer. The preliminary barometer for August was 354.2 which was 6 per cent above a year ago and fractionally higher than July. Sales of all retail stores in August were estimated at \$13.2 billion. They were unchanged from 1951 and a month ago.

The final barometer for July was 354.0. This was 4 per cent above July 1951 and 2 per cent below June 1952. This continued to be near the all-time high registered in July 1950.

The Kansas City Region (17) registered the highest increase over a year ago; it was up 10 per cent. This was partially due to flood conditions in 1951. Because of the steel strike, the Pittsburgh Region (7) reflected the largest decrease, 7 per cent.

Spurred by television sales, the Denver Region (25) rose 5 per cent from June while damage to crops caused the North and South Carolina Region (19) to decline 16 per cent. The Texas Region (24) had the highest barometer and the New England Region (1) had the lowest.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	July 1952	Change from July 1951	June 1952	Change from June 1952	Comparison with U. S.	Retail Sales %
United States	354.0	+ 3.5	360.7	- 1.8	...	100.0
1. New England	228.9	- 5.2	256.6	- 10.8	- 35.3	6.1
2. New York City	285.7	+ 5.9	280.5	+ 1.8	- 20.8	7.7
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	314.1	+ 1.1	336.6	- 6.7	- 11.3	2.2
4. Buffalo and Rochester	312.6	+ 0.5	326.0	- 4.1	- 11.7	1.7
5. Northern New Jersey	239.1	+ 1.1	268.2	- 10.9	- 32.5	2.6
6. Philadelphia	292.9	+ 0.3	311.2	- 5.9	- 17.3	5.8
7. Pittsburgh	292.4	- 7.2	309.3	- 5.5	- 17.4	3.6
8. Cleveland	370.8	- 1.1	375.7	- 1.3	+ 4.7	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	387.4	+ 2.4	374.2	+ 3.5	+ 9.4	3.0
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	387.3	- 2.5	403.1	- 3.9	+ 9.4	2.9
11. Chicago	303.3	- 1.0	291.4	+ 4.1	- 14.3	6.6
12. Detroit	358.3	- 3.9	382.8	- 6.4	+ 1.2	4.4
13. Milwaukee	358.7	- 0.9	370.6	- 3.2	+ 1.3	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	312.8	+ 3.2	322.4	- 3.0	- 11.6	4.2
15. Iowa and Nebraska	319.1	- 1.5	332.4	- 4.0	+ 9.9	3.0
16. St. Louis	306.3	- 3.4	320.3	- 4.3	- 13.5	2.6
17. Kansas City	367.4	+ 10.1	404.1	- 9.1	+ 3.8	3.4
18. Maryland and Virginia	337.8	+ 3.3	351.2	- 3.8	- 4.6	4.0
19. North and South Carolina	382.7	+ 6.1	457.2	- 16.2	+ 8.1	2.6
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	443.0	+ 2.2	504.7*	- 12.2	+ 25.1	3.9
21. Florida	463.6	+ 5.2	472.3	- 1.8	+ 31.0	1.8
22. Memphis	369.3	- 1.0	403.1	- 8.4	+ 4.3	1.7
23. New Orleans	429.9	+ 7.5	442.6	- 2.9	+ 21.4	1.5
24. Texas	495.2	+ 4.5	482.6	+ 2.6	+ 39.9	5.6
25. Denver	365.3	+ 5.4	346.7	+ 5.3	+ 3.2	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	320.3	+ 3.5	372.7	- 14.1	+ 9.5	0.9
27. Portland and Seattle	363.4	+ 2.0	375.7*	- 3.3	+ 2.7	3.0
28. San Francisco	345.4	- 0.7	381.7	- 9.5	- 2.4	4.0
29. Los Angeles	357.1	+ 3.5	380.0	- 8.2	+ 0.9	4.9

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

July—Barometer 11% below June, 6% below year ago, 35% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: New Haven +10%, Lowell-Lawrence +6%, Boston +5%, Springfield +4%, Providence unchanged. Collections compared with year ago: Hartford and New Haven more prompt, Manchester unchanged, Boston, New Bedford, Providence and Springfield slower. Tourist trade at record levels.

Region 2

July—Barometer 2% above June, 6% above year ago, 21% below U. S.

August—New York City department store sales 7% below year ago. Retailers still offered discounts on fair-traded items although not as openly as prior to passage of new fair trade law. Upper Fifth Avenue stores tested night openings over vigorous protests of a few stores. Collections slower than a year ago and slightly more prompt than month ago.

Region 3

July—Barometer 7% below June, 1% above year ago, 11% below U. S.

August—Syracuse department store sales unchanged from year ago. Total retail sales compared with year ago: Utica +8%, Binghamton +4%, Syracuse +3%, Albany unchanged. Collections compared with a year ago: more prompt Utica, unchanged Albany and Syracuse, slower Binghamton. State fair in Syracuse boosted trade levels.

Region 4

July—Barometer 4% below June, 1% above year ago, 12% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: Buffalo +1%, Rochester -3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Buffalo +3%, Rochester +2%, Elmira -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Elmira unchanged, Buffalo and Rochester slower. Transit strikes in Buffalo and Elmira lowered retail activity.

Region 5

July—Barometer 11% below June, 1% above year ago, 32% below U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Newark compared with a year ago: department store sales -3%, total retail trade -4%, wholesale trade -3%. Collections slower than both year ago and month ago. Industrial output steady as losses by non-durable industries were made up by production gains of durables. Unemployment compensation payments higher.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended August 30, 1952.

Region 6

July—Barometer 6% below June, slightly above 1951, 17% below U. S.

August—Philadelphia department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Lancaster and Philadelphia +5%, Wilmington +3%, Allentown +2%, Scranton +1%, York unchanged, Trenton -2%, Philadelphia -4%, Harrisburg -9%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 7

July—Barometer 6% below June, 7% below year ago, 17% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Pittsburgh +3%, Erie -3%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Charleston +6%, Wheeling, Huntington and Pittsburgh +5%, Youngstown unchanged, Erie -8%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Wheeling, slower Charleston, Huntington, Pittsburgh and Youngstown.

Region 8

July—Barometer 1% below June and a year ago, 5% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Akron +5%, Cleveland +1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Akron +6%, Cleveland -2%, Toledo -5%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Akron +2%, Cleveland -1%, Toledo -4%. Collections slower to unchanged from a year ago.

Region 9

July—Barometer 4% above June, 2% above year ago, 9% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: Columbus +10%, Cincinnati +6%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Lima +5%, Dayton +2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Columbus +7%, Dayton unchanged, Cincinnati -2%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 10

July—Barometer 4% below June, 2% below year ago, 9% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Louisville +7%, Indianapolis +2%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Evansville +10%, Indianapolis +1%, Terre Haute -25%, Fort Wayne -8%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Evansville +15%, Terre Haute -2%, Fort Wayne -3%, Indianapolis -8%.

Region 11

July—Barometer 4% above June, 1% below month ago, 14% below U. S.

August—Chicago department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Rockford +21%, Springfield +7%, Chicago +5%, Peoria -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Chicago +7%, Springfield +4%, Peoria -1%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt Chicago, unchanged Rockford.

Region 12

July—Barometer 6% below June, 4% below year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Detroit department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Grand Rapids +8%, Saginaw +3%, Detroit -1%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Grand Rapids +5%, Saginaw +1%. Detroit unchanged. Collections compared with a year ago: Grand Rapids and Saginaw unchanged, Detroit slower.

Region 13

July—Barometer 3% below June, 1% below year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Milwaukee department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Green Bay -5%, Milwaukee +1%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Milwaukee +1%, Green Bay -2%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Green Bay, slower Milwaukee. Shortage of skilled machinists and mechanics.

Region 14

July—Barometer 3% below June, 3% above year ago, 12% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Duluth-Superior +3%, Minneapolis +2%, St. Paul +1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Butte +7%, Fargo +4%, Sioux Falls and St. Paul +3%, Minneapolis +1%, Billings unchanged, Duluth -5%. Collections unchanged from a year ago except in Duluth and St. Paul.

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 15

July—Barometer 4% below June, 2% below year ago, 10% above U. S.

August—Nebraska department store sales 12% above year ago. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Dubuque +4%, Lincoln +3%, Cedar Rapids +2%, Des Moines and Omaha +1%, Davenport -4%, Sioux City -8%. Collections compared with year ago: unchanged Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Sioux City, slower Des Moines.

Region 16

July—Barometer 4% below June, 3% below year ago, 14% below U. S.

August—Trade conditions in St. Louis compared with year ago: department store sales +5%, total retail trade +5%, wholesale trade +10%. Collections slower than both a year ago and a month ago. Truckers' strike settled at end of July and sales rose more than seasonally at all levels. Heavy promotions of apparel and television sets were quite common.

Region 17

July—Barometer 9% below June, 10% above year ago, 4% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Tulsa +16%, Kansas City +6%, Oklahoma City +4%, Wichita unchanged. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Kansas City +7%, Oklahoma City and Tulsa +5%, Wichita +1%, St. Joseph unchanged, Topeka -5%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 18

July—Barometer 4% below June, 3% above year ago, 5% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Baltimore +2%, Washington -2%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Richmond +8%, Roanoke +7%, Norfolk and Baltimore +5%, Bristol +1%, Washington -2%, Lynchburg -5%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago, unchanged from month ago.

Region 19

July—Barometer 16% below June, 6% above year ago, 8% above U. S.

August—Total retail sales compared with year ago: Charleston +13%, Greenville +10%, Raleigh +6%, Greensboro +5%, Charlotte and Winston-Salem +3%, Columbia -1%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt Greenville, unchanged Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, Greensboro and Winston-Salem, slower Raleigh.

Region 20

July—Barometer 12% below June, 2% above year ago, 25% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Augusta +20%, Atlanta +10%, Nashville +4%, Birmingham +3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Montgomery +16%, Chattanooga +10%, Columbus +8%, Macon +5%, Mobile and Knoxville +2%, Savannah -4%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 21

July—Barometer 2% below June, 5% above year ago, 31% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Miami +12%, Jacksonville +9%. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Jacksonville +7%, Miami +4%, Tampa -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Jacksonville +5%, Tampa +3%. Miami -4%. Collections slower than a year ago in Jacksonville and Miami.

Region 22

July—Barometer 8% below June, 1% below year ago, 4% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Little Rock compared with a year ago: department store sales +8%, total retail sales +3%, wholesale sales +2%, collections unchanged. Trade conditions in Memphis compared with a year ago: department store sales unchanged, total retail sales +7%, wholesale sales -2%, collections slower. Cotton estimates lowered.

Region 23

July—Barometer 3% below June, 8% above a year ago, 21% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in New Orleans compared with a year ago: department store sales +10%, total retail sales +5%, wholesale sales +4%. Retailers' collections slower than a year ago, wholesalers and manufacturers' unchanged. Industrial production above a year ago. Manufacturers' inventories continued to decline.

Region 24

July—Barometer 3% above June, 4% above year ago, 40% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: El Paso and Houston +13%, Fort Worth and Dallas +6%, San Antonio +5%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: El Paso +12%, Beaumont, Lubbock and Shreveport +5%, Fort Worth +4%, Houston +3%, Wichita Falls -2%, Austin -3%, San Antonio -4%, Dallas -5%.

Region 25

July—Barometer 5% above June, and a year ago, 3% above U. S.

August—Denver department store sales 7% above a year ago. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Denver +11%, Albuquerque -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Albuquerque +3%, Denver unchanged. Denver collections unchanged from a year ago and Albuquerque slower. TV sets in Denver were sold at a rate of 2,500 a week.

Region 26

July—Barometer 14% below June, 4% above year ago, 10% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Salt Lake City compared with a year ago: department store sales +8%, total retail sales +12%, wholesale sales +10%. Collections slower than a year ago and unchanged from a month ago. Hail storms damaged crops. Pipe lines from Salt Lake City to Boise, Idaho and Sinclair, Wyo., under construction.

Region 27

July—Barometer 3% below June, 2% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Seattle +8%, Portland +5%, Spokane unchanged. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Portland +9%, Tacoma +3%, Seattle +2%, Spokane -3%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Portland, Spokane and Tacoma, slower Seattle. Flour output above 1951.

Region 28

July—Barometer 10% below June, 1% below year ago, 2% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Oakland +5%, San Francisco -2%. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: San Francisco -2%, Fresno -8%. Wholesale sales compared with a year ago: Fresno unchanged, San Francisco -12%. Collections unchanged from year ago. Heavy competition among fruit packers.

Region 29

July—Barometer 8% below June, 4% above year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with 1951: Los Angeles +8%, San Diego +6%. Total retail sales compared with 1951: San Diego +5%, Los Angeles unchanged, Phoenix -3%. Wholesale trade compared with 1951: Los Angeles +4%, Phoenix -4%. Collections in Phoenix more prompt than 1951 and unchanged in Los Angeles.